

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Beard Farm Survey Number: WA-II-58

Property Address: Off Mapleville Road in Washington County

Project: Drainage Improvements Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name _____ Date _____

District Name: Mapleville Historic District Survey Number: WA-II-50

☐ Listed ☒ Eligible _____ Comment _____

Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

The resource ☒ contributes/_____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

☒ Location ☒ Design ☒ Setting ☒ Materials

☒ Workmanship ☒ Feeling ☒ Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Located 1/4 mile west of MD Route 66, just north of Mapleville in Washington, County, Beard Farm survives as a good, cohesive example of a mid-19th-century farm complex associated with the rural Mapleville community and its residents. The property is an important contributing resource to the National Register-eligible Mapleville Historic District.

The Beard Farm is a mid-19th-century farm complex consisting of a primary residence, a large bankbarn, a tenant house and several, non-contributing and substantial agricultural buildings. The dwelling and bank barn were likely built ca. 1850 for Peter Fahrney, Jr. the son of Dr. Peter Fahrney, a prominent physician who lived and worked just north of Mapleville, in an area known as San Mar (a.k.a. Sanmar) around 1800. The two-story, seven-bay brick dwelling is a good example of a Washington County farmhouse, historically characterized by a double-story recessed porch. Though the first story of this porch has been filled in, the alterations are reversible and have not compromised the original massing of the farmhouse.

The stone bank barn is a substantial agricultural building displaying a high quality of stone masonry. Although it has been altered by modern additions and surrounded by several contemporary agricultural buildings, these changes are not significant and have left the integrity of the original structure intact.

The two-story frame tenant house was built ca. 1900, a half-century after the primary residence and barn and is typical of its type.

Documentation on the property is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Prothro Williams 2/5/1996; Revised 3/7/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Orcutt/Reynolds
Reviewer, NR program

March 8, 1996.
Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
 Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
 Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☒ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☒ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
 and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: DistrictHistoric Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling;
Subsistence/Agriculture/Barn

Known Design Source: _____

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: The Beard Farm					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 66 (west side)					
CITY OR TOWN: Mapleville					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Allen J. Beard					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2					
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 343/131					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div>(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located about 1/4 mile west of Maryland Route 66 just north of Mapleville in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a rise of ground and faces east.</p> <p>The building is a seven-bay, two-story brick dwelling with white trim. Bricks at the front elevation are laid in all stretcher bond above coursed limestone foundations. Other walls are laid in common bond. Flat brick arches are present over all windows at the two main stories. A date stone set into the south gable wall reads "built by Peter Fahrney, 1852."</p> <p>Windows of the two main stories contain six-over-six pane sashes. Woodwork surrounding the sashes is narrow and finished with a bead. First story windows are longer than those at the second level. All are set on wide sills. Small four-light openings are located in the gables to light the attic.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the second bay from the north end of the facade. The door, which is not original, is topped with a three-light transom and is flanked by paneled jambs. Other entrances are located at both levels of a recessed double porch. All are simply framed and topped with narrow transoms. Original doors have eight panels.</p> <p>An addition to the original double porch which was constructed under the main roof span in a small, modern one-bay entrance porch. A shed porch covers the rear entrance.</p> <p>The roof is of shingles and terminates with a barge finished with simple molding. The cornice is composed of slightly more elaborate molding. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise from inside each gable end and from the interior of the house.</p> <p>Alterations to the exterior of the house include a section of new brick-work enclosing a portion of the recessed porch, for the construction of a first floor bath.</p> <p>Near the house are two small brick outbuildings, one of which displays latic work ventilators. Also present is a windmill.</p> <p>The large barn of coursed local fieldstone has a date plaque inscribed with Peter Fahrney's name and the year 1844.</p> <p>The buildings are in excellent condition. The property contains 146.65 acres.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

 SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) house dated 1852, barn 1844

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this group of dwellings is their architecture. Dated examples of mid-19th century architecture, the house and barn provide an excellent record of Western Maryland's rural architecture of the period. Houses of five or more bays in length with recessed double porches are a significant architectural group in the area. Most date from the mid-19th century. The outbuildings are also significant examples as is the windmill for pumping water. Such mills are becoming rare in the area.

The structures were built by Peter Fahrney, Jr., who resided in the house until his death in 1855. Born in 1806, Peter Fahrney was the son of Doctor Peter Fahrney who began practicing medicine in the San Mar area around 1800. The property remained in the Fahrney family until 1940.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 146.65 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE March, 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

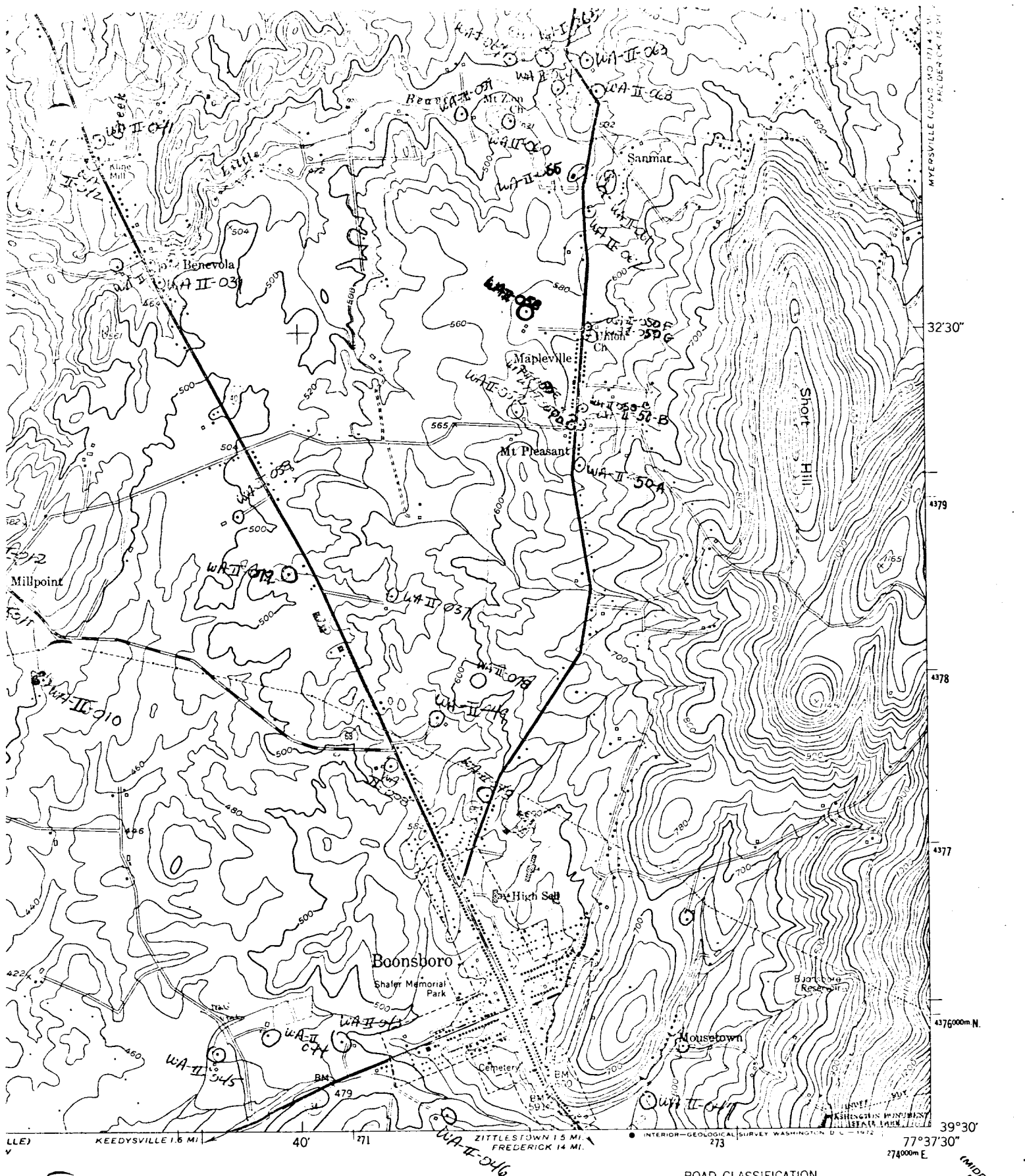
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt ———

U. S. Route State Route
Interstate Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

FUNKSTOWN, MD.

SW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3930—W7737.5/7.5

AL 20 FEET
FA LEVEL

BEARD FARM (W A II - 058)
FRONTAGE ALONG WEST SIDE OF
MD 66

DWELLING; S.E. CORNER



DWELLING; EAST ELEVATION

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DWELLING; NORTH ELEVATION



DWELLING; N.E CORNER



DWELLING, WEST ELEVATION

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DWELLING, SW CORNER



DWELLING, SOUTH ELEVATION



GARAGE, NORTH ELEVATION



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CONCRETE BLOCK/METAL
EQUIPMENT SHED, CA 1990



BANK BARN, CA 1840
NORTH CORNER



BANK BARN, SILO, METAL SHEDS
N.E. ELEVATION (BARN)

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BANK BARN, (CA 1840) WITH
ADDITIONS (CA 1965)
S.E. ELEVATION



METAL BUILDING, CA 1990
EAST ELEVATION





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GARAGE, N.E. CORNER



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